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Shackleton praised for service to northern Michigan by Allen

LANSING – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today praised Rep. Scott Shackleton for his service in the state House of Representatives.

“Representative Shackleton will be sorely missed in Lansing,” Allen said. “He is a strong ally and a staunch advocate for the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.”

Most recently, Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, and Allen worked together on legislation awarding money for infrastructure and technology improvements to Lake Superior State University.

Senate Bill 1130, in addition to addressing fiscal challenges with the State Fair, will provide a \$192,700 grant to LSSU from the general fund. Originally, the funds were committed as part of the Capital Outlay Budget, which was not acted upon before the end of the session year. Allen and Shackleton were able to get the funding addressed as part of SB 1130.

“Even though he was term limited, Scott was a dedicated legislator working for the constituents in his district until the very end of his term,” Allen said. “Residents of the 107th House District were fortunate to have him representing them.”

Allen noted Shackleton’s service on the House Appropriations Committee and his leadership as chair of the Appropriations Transportation and Capital Outlay committees. Representative Shackleton’s commitment to selflessly serving the residents of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula was constant from his first piece of legislation to his last days in office.

Shackleton passed a number of initiatives to help benefit the state and the 107th District, including the snowmobile crossing on I-75, creation of the Lighthouse Preservation License Plate, establishment of the Friday before Labor Day school holiday, and most recently, the survivor benefit for public safety workers who killed or totally disabled in the line of duty.

“It was a privilege to work with Shack these last six years,” Allen said. “I look forward to working with him in the future in his new role as a county commissioner for Chippewa County.”

Shackleton was one of the original “Fab Five” representatives entering the House in 1999 after the first round of the term limit law. Other members of the Fab Five were Allen, Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, Rep. Ken Bradstreet and former Rep. David Mead.

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